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In re Application of) Examiner: M. Shippen
 Patrick Casara) Art Unit: 1204
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 PREPARING 4-AMINO-5-HEXENOIC)
 ACID)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner
 of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C., 20231
 Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended) The process for preparing 4-amino-5-hexenoic acid, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which comprises the steps:

- (a) thermally rearranging erythritol to 4-formyloxy-3-hydroxy-1-butene, in the presence of an excess of formic acid,
- (b) thermally rearranging 4-formyloxy-3-hydroxy-1-butene to ethyl 6-formyloxy-4-hexenoate, followed by the conversion of the formate to its corresponding alcohol ethyl 6-hydroxy-4-hexenoate,
- (c) converting the so-produced ethyl 6-hydroxy-4-hexenoate to ethyl 6-trichloroacetimidoxyl-4-hexenoate by reaction with trichloroacetonitrile, followed by its thermal rearrangement to [its imidate] ethyl-4-trichloroacetamido-5-hexenoate